Morris Family Papers  
(C0369)

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Dates: 1880-1946

Creator: Morris family


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Biographical Note:
Byron V. Morris was born on October 4, 1848, in Morrow County, Ohio. In 1872 he moved to Rockbridge, Missouri, and became a merchant. He married Eliza Jane Shelley and they had four children. He died on December 13, 1918.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following series:

Papers

Scope and Content Note:

Papers

The series includes financial records, correspondence, notary public records, newspaper clippings, and miscellaneous items of Byron V. Morris and Frank B. Morris, Rockbridge, Ozark County, Missouri. Also includes account books from B.V. Morris' businesses and diaries of Eliza Jane Shelley Morris.

Container List:

- **f. 1-7** Bank Papers, 1910-1946. Cancelled checks and deposit slips for various members of the Morris family.
- **f. 8-14** Clippings, 1890-1929. Newspaper clippings saved by the family. They include household hints, marriage announcements, poetry, obituaries, and miscellaneous items.
- **f. 15-27** Correspondence, 1883-1946. Business correspondence of Frank B. Morris; personal correspondence of the family, discussing family affairs and daily happenings; and greeting cards.
- **f. 28** Masonic Papers, 1922-1929. Bank statements and cancelled checks for Lodge No. 435, AF & AM, Rockbridge, Missouri, Frank Morris, treasurer. Several membership cards.
- **f. 29-36** Miscellaneous Papers, 1904-1936. Booklets, Frank Morris marriage certificate, insurance policies, Byron Morris will, notary public records, family pictures, and tax receipts.
- **v. 1-3** Account books, 1880-1898. Accounts of B.V. Morris’ business enterprises at Gainesville, Missouri. He owned either outright or a partnership a cotton gin, lumber mill, flour mill, general store and bank, and was postmaster at Rockbridge, Missouri. In 1884, his partners were G.C. Sanders and W.F. Dunn. The books contain primarily general store, bank, and cotton gin records
  - **v. 1** 1880-1882
  - **v. 2** 1882-1889
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- **v. 4-22** Eliza Jane Shelley Morris Diaries, 1891-1924. Personal diaries of Eliza Jane Shelly Morris, wife of Byron Vaughn Morris. Mrs. Morris recorded the weather, daily activities and community happenings. Slight mention is made of national occurrences.
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